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FOR AMBASSADOR LEWIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV OVIP EG IS US
SUBJ: ANNOUNCEMENT OF SADAT VISIT TO ISRAEL

REF: (A) CAIRO 19191, (B) TEL AVIV 1889

1. ALTHOUGH I HAD ALREADY TOLD HASSEN KAMEL (REF A),
I SUBSEQUENTLY CALLED VP MUBARAK AT HOME TO EXPLAIN TO
HIM THE CURCUMSTANCES OF PRIMIN BEGIN'S ANNOUNCEMENT
TO CODEL WRIGHT OF SADAT'S ACCEPTANCE AND DATE OF VISIT.
I ASKED HIM TO ASSURE SADAT IN ISMAILIA THAT THERE WAS
NO INTENTION ON PRIMIN BEGIN'S PART TO JUMP THE GUN,
BUT THE NEWS WAS CLEARLY SO DRAMATIC THAT HE WANTED
TO TELL VISITING CODEL ABOUT IT. MUBARAK WAS NOT AT
ALL CONCERNED AND SAID GOE WILL ANNOUNCE ON 2200 NEWS
BROADCAST THIS EVENING THE FACT THAT SADAT INTENDS TO
LEAVE FOR ISRAEL ON SATURDAY AND PRAY AT THE AL-AQSA
MOSQUE ON SUNDAY MORNING.

2. MUBARAK ALSO CONFIRMED THE RESIGNATIONS OF FAHMY
AND RIAD. HE SAID THAT AFTER HIS RETURN FROM ISMAILIA,
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HAD HAD ON THE THE PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED THE NEWS
THAT FAHMY'S RESIGNATION HAD BEEN ACCEPTED. THEREAFTER
HE AHD ASKED RIAD TO COME TO HIS HOME AND, AGAIN ON THE
PRESIDENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, DESIGNATED HIM AS ACTING
FONMIN. RIAD, AS MUBARAK PUT IT, HAD "HESTITATED."
HE HAD, THEREFORE, SUGGESTED TO RIAD THAT HE GO HOME
AND REFLECT ON THE MATTER. SUBSEQUENTLY, RIAD HAD

SUBMITTED HIS RESIGNATION AND THIS HAS ALSO BEEN
ANNOUNCED.

3. MUBARAK CONFIRMED THAT BOUTROS GHALI HAS
BEEN NAMED ACTING FONMIN UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE
PRESIDENT DECIDES ON A NEW FONMIN. ASKED WHO THIS
MIGHT BE, MUBARAK SAID NO DECISION YET REACHED. THE
PRESIDENT, ACCORDING TO HIM, HAS SEVERAL CANDIDATES IN
MIND AND IS STILL WEIGHING WHO SHOULD BE CHOSEN. HE
PROFESSED TO HAVE NO IDEA HOW LONG IT MIGHT BE BEFORE
A NEW FONMIN IS DESIGNATED.
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